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The Honorable Tom Coburn
Chairman, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information,
and International Security
Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs
United States Senate
446 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

ATTN: Anna

Dear Senator Coburn:

We apologize for not providing you the requested information within your deadline. We were caught in the midst of a new semester, required state appropriation request activities and a board meeting.

Texas A&M University's federally funded research forms the cornerstone of our discovery efforts—44% of total research activities are federally supported. And because of this support we have been able to make national and international contributions from such programs as our Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, one of only two United Nations Collaborative Centers in the world, to the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, the international research program that revolutionized our view of Earth history and global processes through ocean basin exploration. In short, Texas A&M has made significant scientific and societal contributions with its use of federal research support.

The following federal dollar amounts were administered through Texas A&M University. We are providing figures from 2002 since we are able to separate those federal funds from the usual grant or contract funds (this is due to an administration change here as well as a systems change). It will take us just a bit longer to pull the preceding two years.

In response to question (1), since 2002, Texas A&M University has received \$315 million for research projects in various disciplines. Of the same amount, \$14.85 million was awarded through congressional appropriations to Texas A&M University proper—4.7%. Due to a large volume of federally funded programs, we are unable to provide to you the complete list within the time constraints we are given. However, understanding your special interest in congressional earmarks, I have attached a list of projects funded through Congressional appropriations, as well as web link to each project as you requested in question (2).

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In response to questions (4) and (5), Texas A&M Research Foundation, a 501c(3) organization dedicated to increasing research investment at Texas A&M University, maintains an office in Washington, DC. The office assists University officials in interactions with the federal government. Such activities includes providing pertinent information to lawmakers on policy issues such the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, participating in national organizations such as the Association of American Universities (AAU) and the National Association of State University and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), and assisting Texas A&M researchers in identifying opportunities for federal funding. The latter includes an organized effort to connect researchers with representative within Federal Agencies and identify pertinent opportunities for funding. For those research opportunities for which funding is not available on a competitive basis, a congressional appropriation may be sought. All Texas A&M researchers follow strict guidelines when engaging the Washington, D.C., office assistance in seeking federal funds, whether it is through federal agencies or Congress.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. O'Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "O'Quinn".

Michael G. O'Quinn

Attachment

Federal Appropriations Texas A&M University

Project	Agency	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Institute for Science, Technology and Public Policy http://bush.tamu.edu/research/istpp/	NOAA	-	\$1,000,000	1,000,000	900,000	-
Texas A&M At Risk Youth Center http://sociweb.tamu.edu/	Justice	-	-	-	-	300,000
DeBakey Institute http://debakeyinstitute.tamu.edu/	HHS	500,000	-	-	-	-
Fort Hood Digitization http://tcat.tamu.edu/division2Program2.htm	DOD	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000
Nonproliferation and International Security Program http://nsspi.tamu.edu/index_files/Page354.htm	DOE	-	N/A	N/A	150,000	300,000
Easterwood Airport (Runway safety)	DOT	-	-	-	-	2,700,000